

REMARKS

Basis for the insert regarding materials in claim 18 and basis for new claim 19 may be found at page 9 lines 21-23 of the specification. The basis for the foam core being a thermoplastic polymer in claim 18 may be found at page 6 lines 8 and 9 of the specification. Basis for claim 20 may be found at page 6 line 28 – page 7 line 2

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claim 18 is objected to because of the "and" in the last line. This word has been deleted, and therefore it is respectfully requested that this objection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In paragraph 6 of the Office Action, claims 2-9 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 in view of the use of the term "closed cell foam core sheet" and "flange sheet". The Examiner states that these terms are broader than the enablement of the application. While it is respectfully urged that the claims were commensurate with the scope of the disclosure, nevertheless the applicant has deleted the term "flange" and indicated that the closed cell foam is a thermoplastic polymer. Further, the upper and lower sheets have been identified as to their composition. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In paragraph 6, second occurrence, claims 2-9 and 18 stand rejected under 35 USC 112 for the reasons set forth in section 5 of Paper No. 111503. The Examiner objects to the use of the term "flange". The Examiner also objects to the term "caliper" in claim 3 which should be thickness. The Examiner also states that specific structure is not set forth but only physical characteristics in the claims. It is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn. The term "flange" has been removed from the claims. The term "caliper" has also been removed from the claims. The materials have been inserted in the independent claim 18. All the rejections in paragraph 6, second occurrence have been overcome by amendments to the claims. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the objection and the rejections under 35 USC 112 be reconsidered and withdrawn and that an early Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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